

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Servants – PR&RD Department – Allegations of corruption against Smt.Veedhanabatla Laxmi, Mandal Parishad Development Officer, O/o M.P.D.O., Mentada, Mentada Mandal, Vizianagaram District – Trapped on 07.09.2010 – Sanction of Prosecution – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (Vig.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 209

Dated:- 26th July,2011.

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ORDER:-

Whereas, Smt.Veedhanabatla Laxmi, W/o Kameswara Rao, worked as Mandal Parishad Development Officer at office of the Mandal Praja Parishad, Mentada, Mentada Mandal, Vizianagaram District from 09-07-2008 to 07-09-2010 and by virtue of the post held by her she falls under the category of public servant as defined under Section 2(c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988).

2) And whereas, it is alleged that, Sri Chinta Kasi Naidu, S/o Bangaru Naidu, 32 years, Former Ippalavalasa Village, Mentada Mandal, Vizianagaram District approached the Dy.Superintendent of Police, Anti- Corruption Bureau, Vizianagaram on 06-09-2010 at 15.00 hrs., and lodged a complaint alleging that, his mother Smt.Seethamma is the Sarpanch of their Village. She executed the works of their Village Tanks sluice and weir works under N.R.E.G.Scheme. He attended all the works, process and sanction of bill payments to the works performed by his mother as Sarpanch. The Sarpanch and Technical Assistant are the Joint Account Holders for withdrawal of the bill payments from the State Bank of India, Gajapathinagaram. His mother performed the works during the month of June of this year 2010. After the execution of the works, the works were check measured and recorded in M.Book by the Engineering staff and the bills were sanctioned and the payment amount of Rs.4,88,344/- was deposited in the State Bank of India, Gajapathinagaram in Joint Account in the name of Technical Assistant and the mother of Sri Chinta Kasi Naidu. Sri Chinta Kasi Naidu moved around the Technical Assistant Sri V.Ravindra Reddy for the withdrawal of the said payments. He met the Technical Assistant on 03-09-2010 morning at his residential house and asked for withdrawal of the payments from the Bank. On that, Technical Assistant Sri V.Ravidra Reddy demanded an amount of Rs.1,25,000/- for doing official favour i.e., "To put Sri V.Ravindra Reddy signature on the withdrawal form along with the mother of Sri Chinta Kasi Naidu for withdrawal of the amount from the Joint Account, State Bank of India for arranging the payment for the works performed by the mother Sri Chinta Kasi Naidu under N.R.E.G.Scheme. Sri Chinta Kasi Naidu expressed inability and questioned about the demand of huge amount. The Technical Assistant replied that the demanded bribe was not for his singe, it would be distributed to the MPDO and A P O also and further informed that he demanded Rs.1,25,000/- as per the instructions of the MPDO and A P O and advised him to request the MPDO and APO to reduce the demanded bribe amount. As such Sri Chinta Kasi Naidu met the MPDO Smt.V.Laxmi on 4-9-2010 in the morning at her office room. At that time, the APO Sri Marothu Sambha Murthy was also present in her room. He told the demand made by the Technical Assistant and requested them to reduce the demanded bribe amount. They told that they would instruct the Technical Assistant to reduce the amount and asked him to pay as per the demand of the Technical Assistant. On that he met the Technical Assistant on 5.9.2010 in the morning at the residential house of the Technical Assistant at Puritipenta Village, Gajapathinagaram the Technical Assistant reduced to Rs.1,05,000/- from the earlier demand of Rs.1,25,000/- . On that he expressed

his inability to pay the demanded bribe on that the Technical Assistant stated that he would come to the SBI, Gajapathinagaram Branch on 6-9-2010 and withdraw an amount of Rs.2,00,000/- from Joint Account along with his mother and asked to pay the demanded bribe amount of Rs.1,05,000/- from the withdrawn amount of Rs. 2 lakhs, later he would put his signatures on the another withdrawal forms for the remaining payments. Under unavoidable circumstances, Sri Chinta Kasi Naidu reluctantly agreed to pay the demanded bribe amount. As such on 06.09.2010, he went to the Bank along with his mother and withdrew an amount of Rs.2,00,000/- with the help of the Technical Assistant from SBI, Gajapathinagaram. The Technical Assistant Sri Ravindra Reddy informed the withdrawal of Rs. 2 lakhs to the MPDO., over Telephone and stated to Sri Chinta Kasi Naidu that the MPDO is on village visiting duty and asked him to pay the demanded bribe amount of Rs. 1,05,000/- on 07-09-2010 at the Office of the MPDO., at M.P.P, Office, Mentada. As Sri Chinta Kasi Naidu is not willing to pay the demanded bribe, he approached the DSP., ACB., Vizianagaram Range, Vizianagaram on 06-09-2010 at about 15.00 hours and presented a written report for taking necessary action against them.

3) And whereas, after receipt of the above complaint, after due verification of the genuineness of the complaint, after due verification of the genuineness of the complaint and reputation of Sri Vattambeti Ravindra Reddy, Technical Assistant and Sri Marothu Sambha Murthy, Addl., Programme Officer, Smt.V. Laxmi, MPDO., O/o the Mandal Praja Parishad, Mentada Mandal, Vizianagaram District a case in Cr.No. 11/RCT-ACB/VZM/2010 U/s 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 was registered on 07-09-2010 at 08.00 hrs and investigated into.

4) And whereas, it is further alleged that during the course of trap on 07-09-2010 when Sri Chinta Kasi Naidu, accompanied by Sri S.Thirupathi Rao approached Sri Vattambeti Ravindra Reddy, Technical Assistant in the office at Mandal Praja Parishad, Mentada, Mentada Mandal, Vizianagaram District, Sri Vattambeti Ravindra Reddy further demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs. 45,000/- and kept in his right side back pant pocket. Then Sri Chinta Kasi Naidu met Laxmi. On seeing Sri Chinta Kasi Naidu, Smt.V.Laxmi demanded the bribe amount Rs.30,000/- and instructed Sri Chinta Kasi Naidu to hand over the proposed bribe amount to Sri Marothu Sambha Murthy. As Sri Chinta Kasi Naidu handed over the tainted amount of Rs.30,000/- to Sri Marothu Sambha Murthy as the share of Smt.V.Laxmi. Further Sri Marothu Sambha Murthy also demanded the share of his amount of Rs.30,000/- Sri Chinta Kasi Naidu acted positively and handed over the demanded bribe amount Rs.30,000/- to Sri Marothu Sambha Murthy. Sri Marothu Sambha Murthy took the amount and counted. Sri Marothu Sambha Murthy while observing the situation of arriving ACB officials, he threw away the tainted amount of Rs.60,000/- towards racks in the Technical Assistants room. The both hand fingers of Sri Vattambeti Ravindra Reddy and Sri Marothu Sambha Murthy yielded positive result when subjected to chemical test. The both hand fingers of Smt.V.Laxmi remained unchanged when subjected to chemical test. The tainted cash of Rs. 45,000/- was recovered from the possession of Sri Vattambeti Ravindra Reddy on his production at his instance i.e., from his right side pant back pocket in the presence of the mediators. The remaining tainted amount of Rs. 60,000/- was recovered from the racks in the room of Technical Assistant in the presence of the mediators, Sri Marothu Sambha Murthy and Smt. V.Laxmi. The inner linings of right side pants back pocket where the tainted amount was recovered from Sri Vattambeti Ravindra Reddy also yielded positive results when subjected to chemical test. The DSP seized the bribe amount totaling Rs.1,05,000/- pant of Sri Vattambeti Ravindra Reddy and as well as connected documents in the presence of the mediators.

5) And whereas, the above said acts of Smt.V.Laxmi, MPDO., O/o MPP., Mentada, Mentada Mandal, Vizianagaram Dist., constitute offences punishable under sections 7 & 13 (2) read with section 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988).

6) And whereas, Government of Andhra Pradesh, being the competent authority to remove the said Smt. V.Laxmi, MPDO., O/o MPP., Mentada, Mentada Mandal, Vizianagaram District from the Government service after fully and carefully examining the material, placed before them in respect of the above said acts and having regard to the circumstances of the case, consider that the above said Smt.V.Laxmi, Mandal Parishad Development Officer should be prosecuted in a competent Court of Law for above said offences.

7) Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub section (1) of Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988) and Section 197 of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 (Act 2 of 1974), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for prosecution of the said Smt.V.Laxmi, Mandal Parishad Development Officer, O/o Mandal Praja Parishad, Mentada, Mentada Mandal, Vizianagaram District for the offences punishable under section 7 and sub section (2) of section 13 read with clause (d) of sub section (1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code 1860 (Act 45/1860) and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of Law for the time being in force in respect of the above said acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by the Court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

(Dr.RAJIV SHARMA)

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Director-General,
Anti-Corruption Bureau,
Hyderabad.